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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower in the East, and unchanged to lower in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was mostly fair at best, but interest into sports bar was best. Offerings of all sizes were readily available; floor stocks covered the full range, but was mostly kept in close balance with anticipated needs. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fair at best with orders limited to immediate needs. Supplies of all items were at least adequate and competitively priced to try and stimulate buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Trucks remained short of trade needs.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 17-OCT-2005.

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	COMPOSITE			
		WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	62.99	33
Chicago	60.00-63.00	63.66	39 :	64.26	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	64.42	19
Denver	81.50	81.28	15 :	81.52	16
Detroit	62.00-64.00	64.00	12 :	67.44	54
Los Angeles	82.00	80.42	60 :	72.19	161
New York	63.00-66.00	64.87	23 :	66.94	63
Philadelphia	62.50-64.00	63.09	11 :	63.69	27
Pittsburgh	62.00-65.00	63.91	11 :	69.26	61
St. Louis	62.75-63.00	62.23	20 :	63.95	33
San Francisco	82.50	81.69	34 :	80.62	69

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/17/05	Change/Last Wk	10/10/05	10/18/04
609	68.81	-.77	69.58	67.90

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	65.00-67.50	65.98	36
Central	49.00-70.50	66.41	69
Western	56.00-73.00	69.78	34
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	74.63	88

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,116	60.00-76.38	73.33

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	167.00	1,483
BREASTS - B/S	140.50	6,438
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,540
THIGH MEAT - B/S	139.00	1,091
LEG QUARTERS	48.00	8,524
WINGS	89.50	3,120

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with anticipated needs. Offerings of all sizes were available and competitively priced to stimulate additional interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenderloins were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to instances ample. Wings were fully sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging no better than steady to at times weak. Demand following the weekend was light to fair with trading usually limited to immediate needs and where trucks can be found to satisfy trade requirements. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was limited. Supplies of all items were at least adequate or readily available with discounts offered to help movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged through the region. The market tone was about steady overall. Reported trading on regular commitments for this week delivery were at mainly unchanged prices; however new negotiations were at unchanged to slightly higher prices on sized product and unchanged to lower prices on heavy and random weights. Offerings were adequate to ample. Sizes remained heavier than desired for most immediate needs, with discounts often reported to help stimulate interest. Buying activity was overall moderate. Retailer demand was moderate to good where promotions planned. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted averages was down .66 to 61.96, and the volume reported at 26 loads was unchanged from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Prices on final majorities were unchanged to lower from previous Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was about steady to weak. Offerings were more than sufficient for the very light trade call. Movement into retail and food service was disappointing with light to fair at best weekend clearance the norm. Sports bars provided best call. Floor stocks were in balance to ample. Weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was generally inactive as current commitments were fully adequate for needs. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak on all parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was at best fair for early weeks business. Most buyers were keeping floor stocks in close balance with anticipated needs. Seller offerings were fully adequate for trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 76 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample and often competitively priced. Other items were at least fully adequate.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	60-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair entering the week as dealers limited orders to regular commitments. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were readily available and competitively priced to stimulate additional interest. Drums and wings were at least sufficient for current needs; other dark meat cuts were fully adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone remained barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		115-120	120.26	446,160
TENDERLOINS		110-115	118.38	77,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS		68-69	74.71	51,200
BREAST - LINE RUN		68	67.69	89,120
LEGS		60-61	62.67	178,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		43-44	46.53	173,000
DRUMSTICKS		46-47	56.12	28,400
THIGHS		55-56	64.76	31,400
B/S THIGHS		124-125	123.81	38,640
WINGS (WHOLE)		84-85	85.38	222,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.52	8,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		50-55	54.00	9,127
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	75.11	15,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,529	99.00-147.00	-	112.67
TENDERLOINS	243	100.00-174.00	-	112.33
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	894	38.00-47.00	42-43	42.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,017	42.00-45.00	43-44	43.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	571	64.00-93.00	-	78.91
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	10/17	10/13	10/13	10/10	10/06
Alabama	4,105	4,056	5.31	4,080	5.28
Arkansas	5,482	5,395	5.31	5,073	5.27
Delmarva	2,269	2,270	5.76	2,295	5.65
KY-LA-TN	2,215	2,299	4.99	2,224	4.80
Mississippi	2,807	3,017	5.64	3,027	5.70
North Carolina	2,514	2,505	6.54	2,371	6.51
Texas	2,505	2,538	5.31	2,536	5.27
Total	21,897	22,080	5.51	21,606	5.46
Mon	21,897 (A)			21,606 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Oct 2005 is estimated to be 32,760,000 up 1.04 percent from a week ago, and up 1.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,422,000 last year 32,265,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	617	98.00-188.00	100-105	107.87
TENDERLOINS	248	102.00-184.00	106-110	111.26
BREAST - LINE RUN	131	72.00-87.00	73-78	75.15
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	614	39.00-47.00	42-43	42.64
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,040	43.00-49.00	45-46	45.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	78.00-85.00	78-81	80.84
WINGS (CUT)	250	95.00-102.00	96-99	99.10
DRUMSTICKS	70	46.00-72.00	-	50.97
THIGHS	69	50.00-72.00	-	52.68
B/S THIGHS	107	110.00-145.00	-	117.24

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCT 17, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.00 - 50.50	46.53	48.85

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 17-OCT-2005 TO 21-OCT-2005, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	100.00 - 130.00	110.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	69.00 - 92.00	70.00 - 75.00
LEGS	54.00 - 66.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39.00 - 54.00	44.00 - 47.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	45.00 - 56.00	45.00 - 48.00
DRUMSTICKS	43.00 - 55.00	-
THIGHS	45.00 - 68.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	67.00 - 95.00	82.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 70.00	0

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	92-104
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90.5-106.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	108
ICE PACK	105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111-112
ICE PACK	108-112
HENS OVER 5#	95-105
ICE PACK	93-95
DUCKS	180-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

OCTOBER 14, 2005				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	18.00-21.00	609,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	19.10		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	13.00-19.00	1,952,000	832,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.13	15.57		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

OCTOBER 14, 2005				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	22.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		22.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	13.00-22.00	2,212,000	1,254,800
WTD AVERAGE	17.91	16.13		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient for current needs. The undertone was teady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15	12-13	12.58
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16.25	12.75-13.5	12.79

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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